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SUBJECT: NORTH COABL STATUS REPORT

1. EMBOFF ACCOMPANIED REMAINS FSL ANTONINETTE VARNAVA TO BURIAL
IN KORMAKITI VILLAGE AUG 20. TURK MILITARY PROVIDED ESCORT ON
ROUTE RUNNING NICOSIA, JYRENIA, AND ALONG COAST ROAD EASTWARDS
TO VILLAGE. HELICOPTER LANDING PAS STILL IN OITRATION VICINITY
BOGAZ;
NUMEROUS TROOPS SPOTTED,BUT NO APPARENT MOVEMENT.
MBWM OF/KYREMUAN EMBOFF SAW MINIMUM 10 TURKISH VESSELS, INCLUDING

AT LEAST ONE DESTROYER. SHIPS ANCHORED OFFSHORE, WITH EXCEPTION
ONE CARGO VESSEL WHICH MORRED TO JETTY OF HOTEL IMMEDIATELY
EAST OF KYRENIA.

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3. EVIDENCE EXTREMELY HEAVY FIGHTING IN AYIOS YEORYIOS VILLAGE, WITH MOST HOUSES EITHER SEVERELY DAMAGED OR DESTROYED. OTHERWISE, MINOR PHYSICAL DAMAGE NOTED IN NORTH COAST VILLAGES. FROM ROAD, FBIS STATION AT KARAVAS APPEARED UNDAMAGED. (TUGK CYPRIOT DISTRICT OFFICER SAMI TELLS US HE INSPECTED STATION LAST WEEK AND FOUND ALL FACILITIES APPARENTLY INTACT. GAVE ASSURANCE WE COULD PUT TURK CYPRIOT LOCAL EMPLOYEE IN PACE "SOON".)

4. GENERAL IMPRESSION ALL VILLAGES IS THAT INHABITANTS HAVE FLED OR BEEN RELOCATED. VERY FEW CIVILIANS SEEN AND THESE INVARIABLY ENDERLY.

5. EXCDPTION TO ABOVE WAS KORMAKITI ITSELF. VILLAGE POPULATION (COMPOSED ENTIRELY MEMBERS MARONITE COMMUNITY AND NOT RPT NOT GREEK CYPRIOTS) INTACT; PEOPLE REPORT THEY WELL TREATED AND SUBJECT NO RPT NO HARASSMENT. VILLAGE MEMBERS HAVE BEEN ABLE TRAVEL MORE OR LESS FREELY TO NICOSIA WITH CONSENT TURKISH AUTHORITIES. COMMENT: CLEAR TURKS DIFFERENTIATING BETWEEN MARONITES AND GREEK CYPRIOTS LOCATED WITHIN THEIR AREA OF CONTROL. END COMMENT.

6. ARRANGEMENTS FOR FUNERAL EXPEDITED BY TURKISH EMBASSY. SCHEDULE CHANGED SEVERAL TIMES AS RESULT BUREAUCRATIC HASSELS AT NICOSIA GENERAL HOSPITAL AND TURKS, UNCHARACTERISTICALLY, PROVED COMPLETELY FLEXIBLE, EVEN ALLOWING CORTEGE RETURN NICOSIA AFTER DARK. WE HAVE EXPRESSED OUR APPRECIATION LOCALLY; APPRECIATE EMBASSY ANKARA DOING SAME WITH XWREIGN MINISTRY. WHILE TURKS OBVIOUSLY SAW PROPAGANDA ADVANTAGES IN BEING HELPFUL, THEIR ASSISTANCE DID MUCH TO ALLEVIATE UNNECESSARY SUFFERING FOR VARNAVA FAMILY. BROWN

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